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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.

<u>LD</u> 1889	<u>TITLE</u> AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS	<u>SPONSOR</u> Carroll, G.	(Committee Report) <u>DISPOSITION</u> OTP-ND See LD 2411 & LD 2412
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SUMMARY: LD 1889 served as an errors and inconsistencies bill to correct problems with the motor vehicle statutes. In original form, this bill proposed to:

1. provide Superior court with jurisdiction over license revocations and suspensions which are currently the exclusive jurisdiction of the administrative court,
2. establish the slogan "Vacationland" on Maine registration plates as an official part of the registration plate and thereby lawfully protected the slogan from alteration,
3. exempt from the "juvenile crime" definition, the offense for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration,
4. prohibit, without exception, vehicle travel across a median strip,
5. remove the exemption of licensed auto dealers from the salvage law licensing requirements, and
6. exempt retailers from the licensing requirements of the salvage law who sell auto parts but who do not buy salvage vehicles.

This bill was passed in new draft, LD 2411 and LD 2412.

2030	AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM TRAILER AGENTS UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS	OTP-ND See LD 2271
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SUMMARY: LD 2030 proposed to allow the Secretary of State to promulgate rules for the registration of trailers and semi-trailers owned by non-residents. In addition, the bill proposed that the resident agent for non-resident owners of these vehicles or any other authorized person could sign the registration certificate of these vehicles according to the rules of the Secretary of State.

The Maine Motor Transport Association opposed the bill for the following reasons:

1. The Secretary of State could discriminate against particular resident agents and let the Secretary of State deal directly with the firm or owner of long term trailers and semi-trailers,
2. The Secretary of State could put a number of resident agents out of business,
3. The Secretary of State (motor vehicle division) cannot process the registration forms as expeditiously as resident agents, and
4. The process should, at least, be similar to the one for registration of other vehicles which would include the owner of the vehicle as an authorized person to sign a registration certificate.

The Secretary of State (Motor Vehicle Division) responded that the intent of the bill was to allow non-resident owners of trailers and semi-trailers or their authorized designees to do business directly with the State. The Motor Vehicle Division could not handle all the registrations of these vehicles and did not intend to put any agent out of business.

The bill was reported out in new draft as LD 2271.